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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-5 are allowed. 1.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In light of Counsel's argument filed January 16, 2004 page 3, second paragraph through page 4, first paragraph claims 1-5 are allowed.

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